

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

We have completed PALS testing, and I am so proud of our students. They have made so much progress in such a short time. Please review the PALS information that will be sent home with your child, and feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns. There is still some work to do, but we are making great strides to becoming great first graders!

Enjoy your long weekend! See you on Tuesday! Next week, we will be learning about dinosaurs so remember to send in those bones and to send in a dinosaur (a separate note is coming home with more information about this). Thanks!

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Upcoming Events:

- January 17 - MLK Holiday/No School
- January 31 and Feb. 1- Teacher Work Days/No School

Language Arts:

We continued our study of the letter "w" and have a little more fun with winter. We also incorporated various weather activities into our week. There are so many things to share about weather that it is very difficult to teach it all, but I did try to give the children a little taste of everything. We made a book about weather, and a thermometer guy, and a weather wheel, and then talked about what seasons we experience certain types of weather. We also made it rain in our classroom and learned new vocabulary; ask your child to explain to you the steps it takes to make it rain - listen for the key word: *evaporation*. To end our week, we learned information about Martin Luther King and why he is so important to our country's history. We wrote about Mr. King, and we also made a book to help our understanding.

Math:

We reviewed our numbers this week by making a counting book. First, we wrote the number word to match the number, then we colored the correct amount of boxes, then we practiced writing the number correctly. Keep practicing writing those numbers as this will prepare us for higher level math concepts that are coming in the near future. We are on our way to addition, subtraction, and measurement.

Other Activities:

It was great to share our season bags from home.

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

Homework:

Please read and practice your skills over your long break! We are sending home the reading folders to practice pointing to words as you read and to begin to recognize sight words. Enjoy your extra time together! **Watch some football!!!!!!**

Next Week:

We will be learning about the letter "d" and dinosaurs!

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

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questions and concerns:
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